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How Interoperability Helps Practices Improve Patient Care and Operations



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Mission:

The mission of the Department of Community Health is to provide access to affordable, quality health care to Georgians through effective planning, purchasing, and oversight.



Partnering for Success

The Department of Community Health and the Georgia Health Information Network (GaHIN) work closely to ensure that providers and caregivers can access patient health information at the point of care to optimize outcomes and reduce costs.

Access for Authorized Medical Providers

- Clinical Viewer allows providers without an EHR to query GaHIN network
- Configured through GAMMIS Web Portal
- One click to log in to the GaHIN network
- Access to all available patient records and reports



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GAMMIS Online User Training



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We have developed training on the simple steps needed to sign up to access GaHIN as well as how to navigate within the electronic record

- Part 1 – accepting the Terms and Conditions required prior to access
- Part 2 – primary functions and navigation within the GAMMIS Clinical Viewer

<https://truven.adobeconnect.com/gammis-training>

You must have an active, authorized GAMMIS login and accept the terms and conditions (one time) prior to gaining access to GaHIN data

Note: Your facility may block streaming content on the internet, including content streaming from the truvenhealth.com domain. In this case, you will need to contact your IT Team for information on how to access streaming content.



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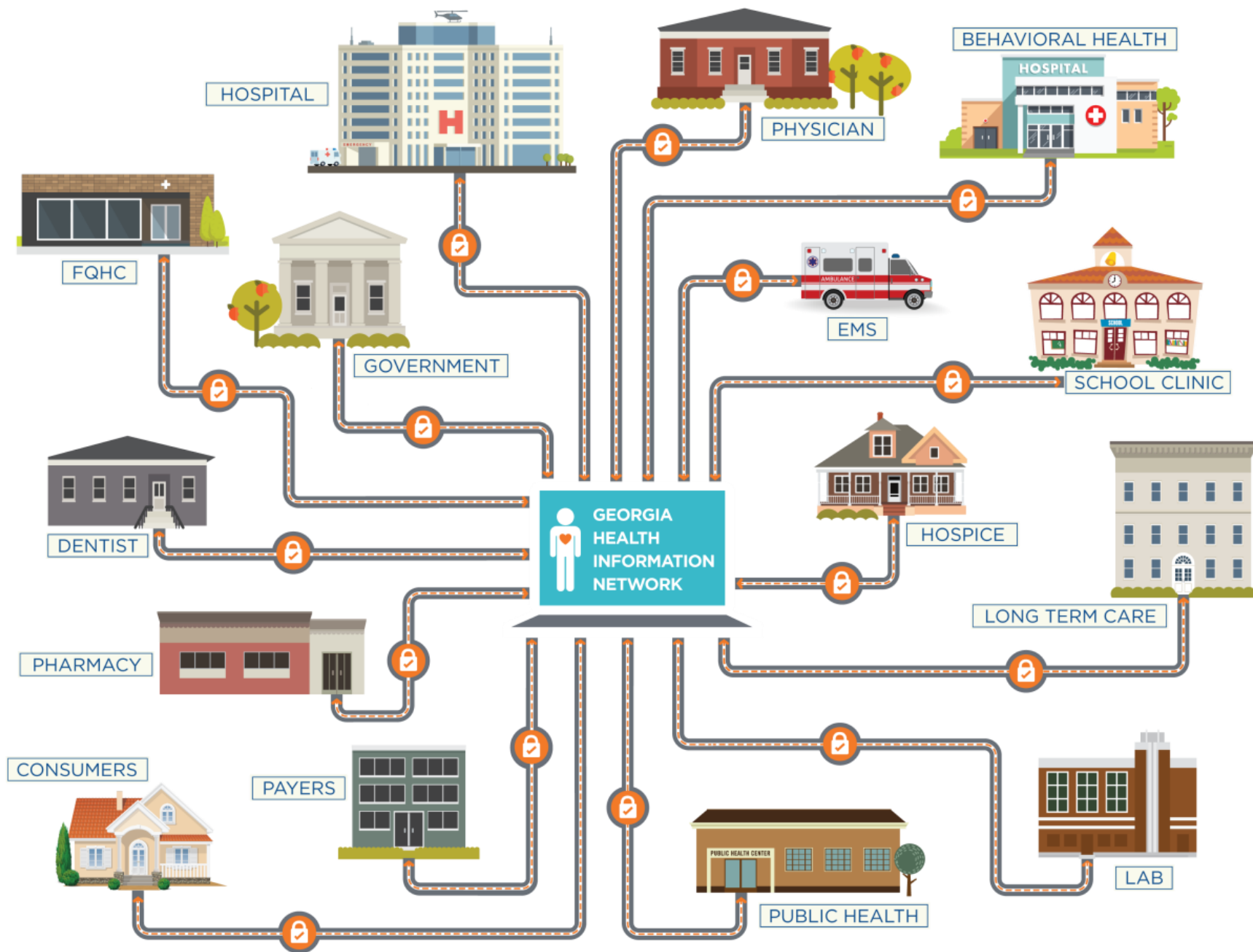
GaHIN – Georgia’s Statewide Health Information Exchange

Georgia Health Information Network (GaHIN)

Dedicated to **creating a healthier Georgia** through the use and exchange of electronic health information

- Advance patient-centered healthcare
- Increase efficiency
- Improve the health of the state's entire population





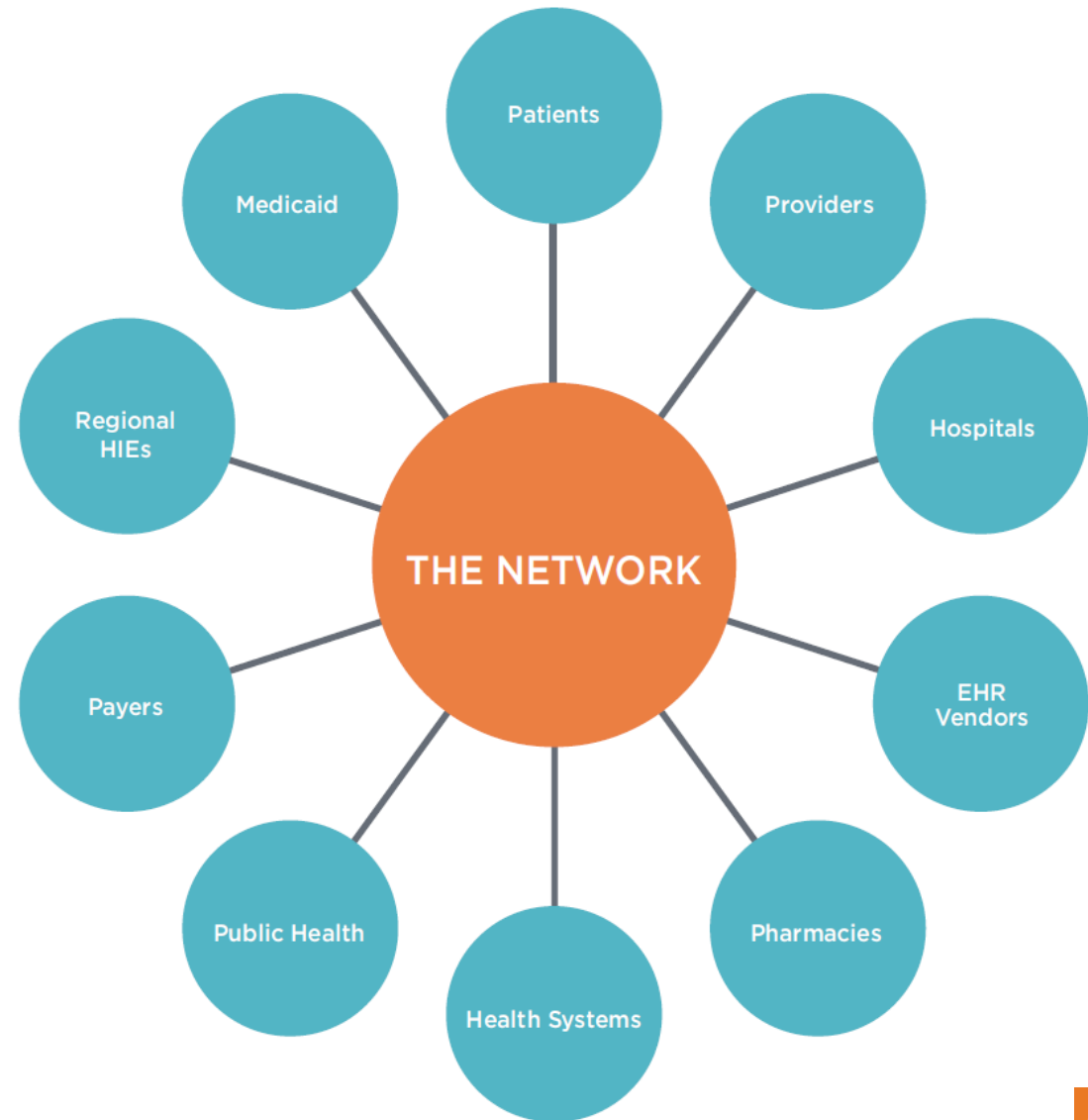
Creating a Statewide Electronic Network



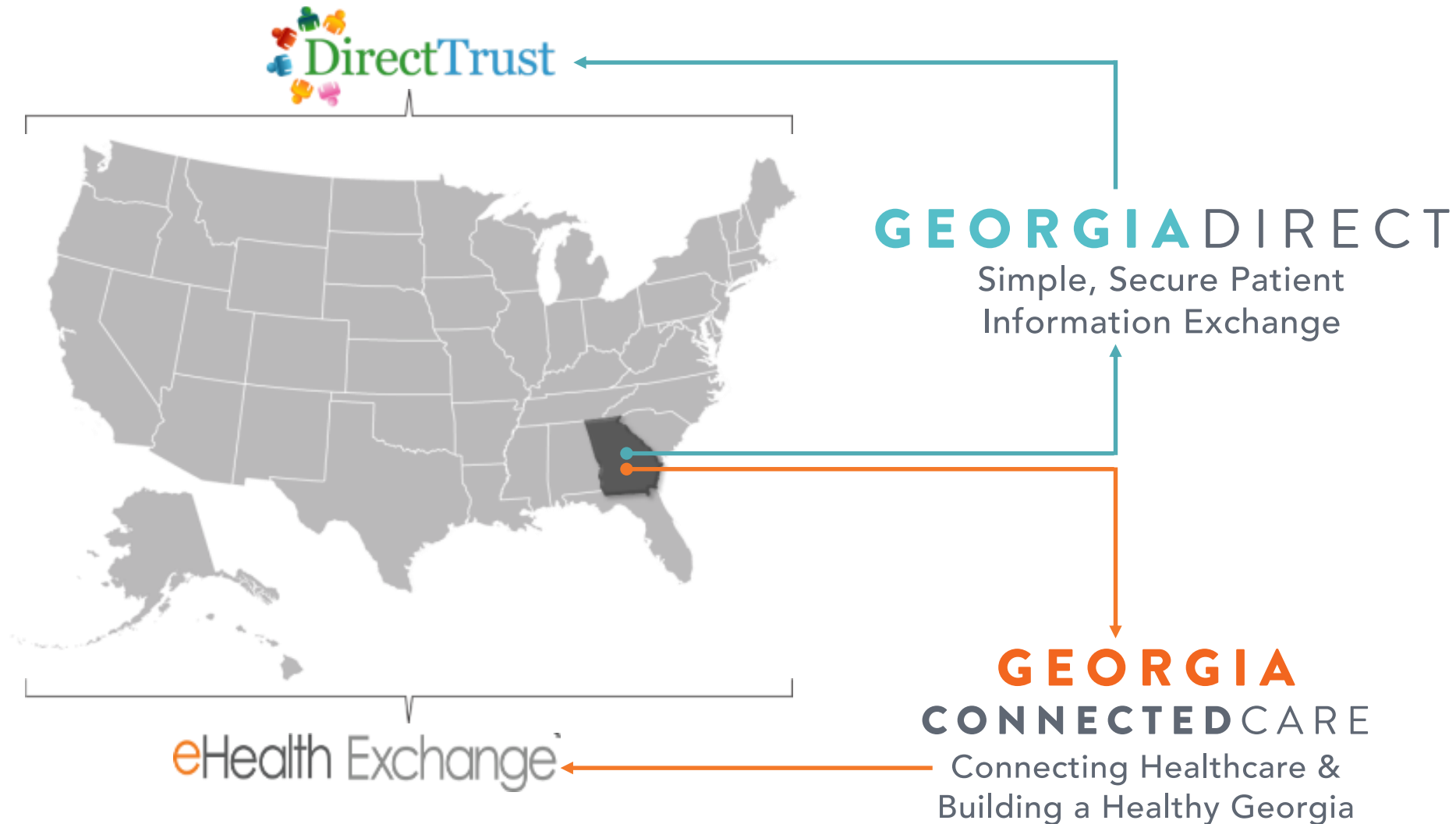
GaHIN Network Model

Federated-hybrid model, not a central repository of clinical data

- Patient information remains with the treating provider and only flows when there is authorization
- GaHIN makes an individual data repository available to Members directly connected to the Network



GaHIN Products and Services



Basic Data Exchange

Free email messaging service to securely send patient health information to other authorized healthcare professionals

2019 Totals YTD (April)

- 352,910 send & receive transactions
- 6,380 registered providers
- 340 member organizations



2018 Totals

- 747,960 send & receive transactions
- 6,321 registered providers
- 327 member organizations



Connecting Georgia

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Robust Integrated Patient Search (Query)

Providers can use their EHR to quickly access patient health data from hospitals, physician practices, state health systems and much more

2019 Totals YTD (April)

- ~12,950 connected providers
- 1,590,023 queries
- 33,334,352 MPI records

eHealth Exchange™

2018 Totals

- ~12,942 connected providers
- 2,388,290 queries
- 32,273,127 MPI records



Connected Organizations

State Agencies

- GA Medicaid/Department of Community Health (DCH)
- GA Department of Public Health (DPH)
- GA Division of Families and Children Services (DFCS)
- GA Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
- GA Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)

Health Systems/Hospitals

- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Epic)
- Emory Healthcare (Cerner)
- Grady Health System (Epic)
- Gwinnett Health System (RelayHealth)
- WellStar Health System (Epic)

Regional HIEs

- Georgia Health Connect (GaHC) (Liaison)
- GRACHIE/Chatham HealthLink (Cerner)
- HealtheConnection (Cerner)
- HealthIE Georgia (Azalea)

Care Management Organizations

- Amerigroup (with IHE)
- CareSource
- Peach State
- WellCare

Specialty Connections

- Atlanta Gastroenterology Associates (Greenway)
- Georgia Partnership for Telehealth (Azalea)

National Exchange

- Veterans Health Administration
- Department of Defense
- DaVita Healthcare Partners
- Alabama (AOHR)
- East Tennessee HIE (etHIN)
- South Carolina HIE (SCHIEEx)
- North Carolina HIE (NCHIEA)





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Speakers

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QUESTIONS??



Georgia Health Information Network

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Future Webinars

The Role of Medication Fill Data in Measuring Adherence and Preventing Abuse

Wednesday, July 24, 2019, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

How Interoperability Helps Hospitals Improve Patient Care and Care Coordination Across the Continuum of Care

Wednesday, August 28, 2019, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

<https://dch.georgia.gov/webinars>

